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Life Members



The four gentlemen above were recognized by the Agawam Sportsmen Club at its 4th annual banquet for their devotion to the organization and their untiring effort in making the club a success. All are life members of the club. Left to right are Joe Shaer, the oldest member in the club, Bill Shaylor, Phil Suce, and Frank Hardina.

St. John's Parish To Present 'Variety In April'

St. John the Evangelist Church will present the annual parish show, "Variety in April" for two evening performances on April 27 and 28, Saturday and Sunday, in the Agawam High School auditorium. Rev. John P. Shannon, pastor, is honorary chairman; Mrs. Natale Cirillo, director; Mrs. Ronald Meunier, program chairman; Mrs. Richard Gingras, Patrons and Patronesses; Miss Catherine Cirillo, treasurer and Mrs. Natale Cirillo, publicity.

A large cast has been rehearsing in preparation for a fine production. The program this year

has a varied list of talented performers representing the organizations in the church, Catholic Youth Organization; St. John the Evangelist Guild; Catholic Women's Club and Catholic Men's Club. Many acts will be comprised of former performers, who have been received enthusiastically in other shows, also many newcomers who feel the zeal for show biz.

Alex Baker To Emcee

Mr. Alex Baker will head the show as Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Charles Maniscalchi will

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Town's Disposal
Area Now Open

The Town of Agawam waste disposal area is now open for Agawam citizens and businesses only. The area is located at 399 Main Street. The following regulations will prevail and strictly enforced.

1 — Hours: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday thru Friday; 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Saturday; Closed Sunday and holidays.

2 — All waste to be disposed will be controlled by the attendant who will be on duty at all times during the above stipulated hours.

3 — Waste containing food, bones or any derivative thereof, will not be allowed.

Any person or persons disposing waste at or near the entrance of the area, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Phelps Scholarship
Drive Short of Goal

The Agawam Council of Parent-Teacher Associations announced today that the 1963 Benjamin Phelps Scholarship Fund Drive has fallen short of last year's total by about \$100. The total collected so far this year is \$1,000. Unfortunately, this means the elimination of at least one scholarship winner from this year's graduating class at the high school. Anyone still wishing to donate please send their contribution to Mrs. Algot V. Olsen, Jr., Scholarship Chairman, 168 Maynard St.,

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Taxes, Deadly Rain, Folly
And Better Government
Thru Republican Eyes

Indiscriminate aerial spraying of 270,000 acres in Western Massachusetts, the proposed increase in the bite of the state income tax, the opportunity of better government offered by the new "conflict of interest law" were the subject matter of the recent monthly meeting of the Agawam Republican Town Committee.

Sixty-two members and friends listened intently to a presentation of the legislative side of these proposals and laws, and their effect upon us, by State Senator George Hammond and State Representative George Porter.

Senator Hammond ably presented the latest information that has come before the legislators, in addition to several items, national in scope, that bear on the subject that his research had uncovered.

The "rain of death", from the skies, intended for the gypsy moth larvae in all probability will not stop there. Admissions have been made by the proponents that the poison will reach fish and wildfire and affect them to a degree as yet not fully determined. The ultimate affect upon us and our recreational pursuits has not been proved. A "Silent Spring" could well be a reality.

Emphatic opinion of the group was "that the problem should be

approached with caution" and "not done at this time." Further detailed information derived from research over a period of time is needed before a final decision is made.

Senator Hammond then talked on the proposed heavy increases of personal income tax sought by the Democrat administration in Boston.

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U.S. Post Office
Feeding Hills, Mass.

The first United States Civil Service Region Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners will conduct an examination for potential mail clerks and mail carriers for duty at a number of post offices in Massachusetts, including the Feeding Hills Post Office.

Notice is given that the closing date for acceptance of applications for the above examinations is April 16, 1963.

Applications should be filed with the Executive Secretary, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Springfield, Massachusetts and must be received or be post-marked not later than April 16, 1963.

Application forms may be secured at any post office.

AHS Delegation to AIC Model Congress

Jr. Women's Club
Banquet Tuesday

The annual meeting and banquet of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday, the 16th, at Betty's Old Towne House in Agawam. Mrs. Richard Barry, chairman, announces that there will be a social hour from 6 to 7 P.M. after which a smorgasbord dinner will be served.

Club members are reminded that all reservations and money are due by Friday, April 12, and that arrangements may be made with Mrs. Barry. All checks should be made payable to the Agawam Junior Women's Club.



A Joyous
Easter
To All

Students from Agawam High School were among some 325 high school students from New England and New York who participated in the 23rd annual Model Congress sponsored by the American International College. The AHS delegation shown here with their escorts are left to right — Melvin Williams of AIC, Patti Salmonson, Marsha DellaGustina, Zenon Stelnak, Diane Wallace, Kenric Gallano, Linda Barufaldi, David Robinson and Charles Guyotte. This year's "congress" was the largest ever held at the college. Students assumed the roles of "senators and representatives" in submitting and debating bills following the rules of order used in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Catholic Women
To Sponsor Blitz
Party Wednesday

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will sponsor a BLITZ party on Wednesday evening at 8 in St. John's Hall. This is a novel type of entertainment and promises to be fun for everyone.

Many attractive prizes will be awarded and tasty refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be sold at the door or may be obtained by calling Mrs. Thomas Casiello, RE 3-4523 or Mrs. Eugene Kelley, RE 3-8142, chairmen.

Assisting committee members (Continued on Page 4)

Grange Harvest
Supper Tuesday

The Community Grange #382 will hold a Harvest Supper Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Grange Hall on North West St., Feeding Hills.

Following the supper the Third and Fourth Degrees will be conferred.

The registration for the "POPPY QUEEN" CONTEST sponsored by the VFW Post 1632 will be held Sunday, April 21, at the Post Home on South Street.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart,
Pastor

Rev. Dorothy Pease,
Minister of Education
Mrs. Frank Merchant,
Organist - Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary

7 a.m. — Junior and Senior BYF's Communion Breakfast at church. 7:45 p.m. Church Business meeting at church. 8 p.m. A Maundy Thursday Communion Service in Sanctuary. 6:30 p.m. Choralier Choir rehearse at church. 8 p.m. Senior choir rehearse at church.

Friday — 1:30 p.m. Children's Good Friday Service will be held in the Congregational Church. All children through the sixth grades are invited to attend.

8 p.m. Union Good Friday service with the Congregational Church will be held at the Congregational Church. Rev. Benjamin Lockhart will preach on the topic, "When Life Is Cheap".

Saturday — 3:30 p.m. Junior Bell Ringers rehearse at church.

Sunday — Easter 9 and 11:10 a.m. Two morning worship services. Rev. Lockhart will preach at both services. Celestial Choir sing first service. Senior Choir sing second service. 10 a.m. No church school. 7 p.m. A Be-

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Monday — 6:45 a.m. Men's Christian Growth Group meet at church for breakfast, Leonard Manhart, host.

Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club regular meeting in Fellowship House. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jenks are chairmen for the evening. All couples are invited to attend. 7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open. 7 p.m. ABC Bell Ringers rehearse at church.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m. Bible School with classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 7:00 p.m., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service for prayer and Bible Study.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn,
Guest Minister

Mrs. John Cesar, Secretary
Mrs. John MacPherson

Mrs. Harry Prior,
Music Directors

Thursday — 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at home of Mrs. John MacPherson.

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Morning

Worship and Communion Service in Granger School auditorium. Sunday School classes in session. Nursery through Grade 7; 6:30 p.m. CCYO meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley, Southwick Street.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth L. Palmer, Minister
Mrs. Andrew G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Thursday — 12 noon Ladies Aid luncheon. Program, "The Church and the State" Mr. Fowler; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Services.

Friday — 1:30 p.m. Good Friday Children's Service; 7:30 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal; 8 p.m. Union Good Friday Services.

Saturday — 8:45 a.m. Intermediate choir rehearsal; 9:45 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church School Nursery Grade 6; 10 a.m. Church School Grades 7-12; 11 a.m. Church School Nursery Grade 6 . . . 7:30 - 9 - 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, sermon by Rev. Ray Haas, former minister of West Suffield Congregational Church.

Monday — 8 p.m. Friendship committee meeting.

Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Senior high choir rehearsal.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday — 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Services.

Friday — 7 a.m.-12 to 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY Services.

Friday — 3:15 p.m. Junior choir practice.

Saturday — 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Easter Evening Services.

Sunday — 7 a.m.-9 a.m. and 11 a.m. EASTER DAY Services.

Monday — 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop #232 meet in parish hall.

Tuesday — 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scout meet in parish hall; 7:30 p.m. Vestry meeting.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Senior choir practice.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Ronald J. Tamblyn, Minister
Mrs. Fred Nardi,
Senior Organist
Mrs. David Meyer,
Junior Organist

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Saturday — 9:30 a.m. Junior choir rehearse; 10:30 Cherub choir rehearse.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Services . . . sermon by Rev. Robert F. Berkay at both services; 7 p.m. Junior and Senior choirs to present an Easter Cantata in the church sanctuary.

LAY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday — 7 p.m. Sea Scouts meet. Saturday — 10 a.m. Junior choir rehearse at church.

Sunday — SUNRISE EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE at Provin Mt., breakfast to follow by the Senior MYF. 9:30 a.m. Church School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship with Rev. Clarence Avey, as guest speaker.

Monday — 3 p.m. Junior MYF meeting at church; 7:30 p.m. Official Board meeting at church.

Tuesday — 3 p.m. Brownies meet; 7:30 p.m. Commission on Education meeting in church.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Senior choir rehearse at church.

Salvation, the weekly telecast of Holy Mass, on Easter Sunday, April 14, at 10 A.M. in the Chapel of Christ of the Airwaves at WWLP-Channel 22, Springfield. The program will also be seen and heard on WRCP-CHAN-



BISHOP WELDON

nel 22, Greenfield, aMSS. Keene, N. H., and on WHNB-Channel 30, New Britain, Conn. Bishop Weldon will preach the sermon during this telecast of the Easter Mass.

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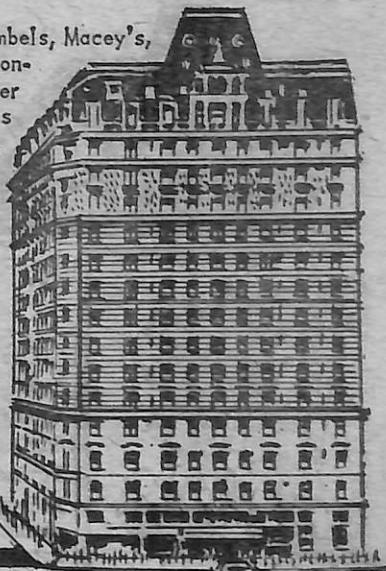
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The couple was married by Rev. Heenan of the Dominican Order in St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., on April 20, 1913 and have been residents of Agawam for 44 years. They were attended by Laurence and Lillian Tatros, of Stoughton, formerly of Agawam.

Mr. Tatros was born July 1890 in Holyoke, and attended Holyoke Schools. He was employed by Kellogg Division of U.S. Envelope Co., for 40 years until his retirement in 1955. Mrs. Tatros, the former Margaret Bangs, was born July 1892 in Turners Falls, and also attended the Holyoke Schools.

They have five children, Mrs. Eugene F. Sullivan, Jr., the former Marguerite Tatros; Louis R., Bernard R. and Paul A. of Agawam; Gilbert H. of Connecticut, and twelve grandchildren.

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To Wed in June



MISS ELIZABETH GALLONI

Mr. and Mrs. Devino Galloni of Belle Ave., West Springfield, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Robert W. Couture, son of Mrs. Edna Couture of Cooley Street, Agawam, and the late Mr. Wilfred Couture. The ceremony will be an event of Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, June 29, in St. Ann's Church, West Springfield.

Miss Galloni attended Trade High School and is employed by Forbes and Wallace.

Her fiance, a graduate of Trade High School, is employed by Kaman Aircraft, Inc., Bloomfield, Conn.

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"Y" TO SPONSOR BATON CONTEST

Fred C. Emerson, president of the Agawam Community YMCA announced that the local YMCA would sponsor Baton Twirling Contest on Sunday, May 5. This National Baton Twirling Sanctioned Contest will be held at the Agawam High School beginning at 1:15 Sunday afternoon. Proceeds from the contest will be used to support the youth activities program of the local organization.

Emerson said the non-competing Hostess for the contest would be Miss Cynthia Brown who has been prominent in baton twirling circles and functions.

Official rules and entry blanks for the contest will be available shortly and may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Charles Brown at 244 South West Street or the local YMCA Field Office.

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way back when . . .

Parson Lathrop's Meeting House

By Edith LaFrancis

The first meeting-house in this area west of the Connecticut was built on the village green in West Springfield in 1702 and was attended by Agawam people until 1758.

The building was 42 ft. square and 92 ft. high and had three entrances. Around the walls were built 15 square pews, the rest of the space being filled with seats or "slips" facing the pulpit. The woodwork was oak and pine, the windows diamond-shaped leaded glass. Men occupied one half and women the other with a partition between. Singers had their places in the gallery. The bell rope came down from the tower to the floor in the center of the room. Farm animals and geese wandered around outside it on week days.

On Sundays, the families arrived by horseback or cart, bringing their lunch and prepared to spend the day. In winter they brought foot stoves and heated soap-stones to add a little comfort to long hours of sermons and prayers in the unheated house. At noon they went to the houses of friends, or to Jere Stebbins Tavern across the street to enjoy social atmosphere, with the warmth of the great fireplace, to exchange gossip and to reheat the foot-warming equipment.

Mr. Woodbridge was the first minister and Samuel Hopkins the second. The Rev. Joseph Lathrop, a young graduate of Yale, was studying with Dr. Breck of the Springfield church at the time of Mr. Hopkins death in 1755 and was asked to take over the west side parish. He accepted this call and remained a beloved leader and teacher for the next 60 years. His health was impaired during the small pox epidemic but regained to such a remarkable degree that at the age of 80 he was able to jog off to New Haven on horseback to attend a convention.

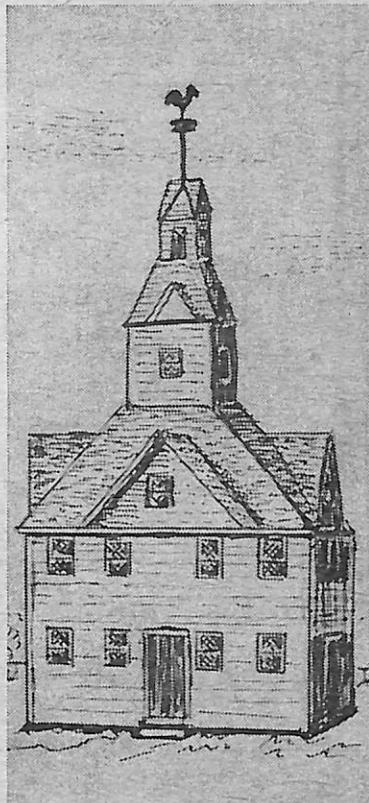
The first meeting-house was in use for one hundred years. In 1802 John Ashley gave money and a tract of land on the hill, with the condition that a church be built and used for the next hundred years. Captain Timothy Billings of Deerfield had the contract for building the new church and men from the boat yard at the end of the Common helped raise the steeple and relocate the bell which had been hung in the old church in 1743.

The people, gathered for the last service at the old church on June 13, 1802, felt the world was full of change, the future uncertain; there were many new inventions, the pace of life grew swifter.

The horse path from Albany to the Connecticut had been widened for stages and in the winter of 1795, within three days 1200 sleighs passed through Albany, many with New Englanders going west. Stages were running frequently to New York; Post Riders were pounding the trails to all points. A canal had been built at South Hadley Falls and Samuel Morey was tinkering with an engine for a steam boat.

A message for all people living in a changing world is found in Parson Lathrop's sermon, particularly these words: "Whatever changes there may be in modes of dress, arts of building, and refinements of taste, religion—true religion—will never change; piety to God, the social virtues, the relative duties; faith in the Redeemer, repentance of sin, the ordinances of worship and the Way to Heaven will always remain the same."

The following Sunday, this parish started its second century in the new white church on Meeting House Hill.



Waste Collections

ROUTE 10

Friday, Apr. 12 — Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Alfred, Autumn, Baily, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Morgan, No. Florida Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., So. Florida Dr., Trinity Ter., Warren, and Western Dr.

ROUTE 1

Monday, Apr. 15 — Arnold, Broz, Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Frances, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, McKinley, Maynard, Norman, Norman Ter. Ext., North, Oak Ln., Robin Lane, Sherman Ave., Taft, Wilson, and Woodside Ter.

ROUTE 2

Tuesday, Apr. 16 — Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Aubudon, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hasting, Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood, Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Ridgeway Dr., Sylvan Ln., Walton Ln., White, Wilbert Ter., Witheridge and Woodland St.

ROUTE 3

Wednesday, Apr. 17 — Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect, River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut St. Ext. and Winthrop St.

ROUTE 4

Thursday, Apr. 18 — Bledere, Brookline, Columbus, Giffin Pl., Greenacre Ln., Henry, Highland, Homestead Ave., Kensington, Mill, Norris, Northwood, Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal, Royal Ln., Springfield, and William St.

Catholic Women

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are: Mrs. Robert Bellemore, Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, Mrs. Ralph Carenza, Mrs. Gerald Cleary, Mrs. Douglas Daubney, Mrs. Richard Donovan, Mrs. David Gallano, Mrs. Alfred Hebert, Mrs. Arnold Jerry, Mrs. George Metzger, Mrs. Mathew Noonan, Mrs. Frederic Stearns, Mrs. Albert Taupier and Mrs. Felix Thompson.

Phelps Scholarship

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Feeding Hills, or send it to any of the schools and they will turn it over to the Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Olson, chairman of the drive, assisted by Mrs. Charles Bailey and Mrs. Daniel Ciak wish to thank Brownie Troop 167 of Agawam, Junior and Senior High School students, PTA Presidents and members who worked to make the solicitation a success; also the business concerns and merchants who cooperated.

The success of the 1963 drive assures scholarship aid to many deserving graduates this June at the High School.

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Will of What People?

By GEORGE FRAZIER

THERE ARE TIMES that, though touched with grief, somehow seem meant for merriment more than for mourning—and if not, naturally, the real thing—not the belly laugh or the boffola—then at least some brave little imitation of it. And, as every songwriter worth his salt is well aware, this is known as laughing on the outside, crying on the inside—or, in other words, in case of fire, walk, do not run, to the nearest exit. For these, after all, are occasions when, everything considered, it seems maybe more gracious and certainly more gallant to camouflage consternation with a shrug, a smile, and a sporting statement to the awful effect that this, baby, is the way the ball bounces or the cookie crumbles—that this, in short, is life, baby, and it behooves you to bear it in mind or else your mascara will be a mess. But this morning—well, baby, this morning is different. This morning you can cry your little heart out and no one will say a word.

For now there is no time for comedy, even such comedy as is only courage, really. Now there is only a terrible time when we must read that, notwithstanding all his professions of concern for the common weal, an elected official dares to defy the will of the people. Now we must read that Governor Peabody proposes a \$2600-a-year raise for the legislators, although, only last November, the voters of Massachusetts balloted their belief that there should be no such raise, not even the \$1,500-a-year one that was the subject of a referendum—and, moreover, they did so, not feebly or inconclusively, but by a vote of 1,297,671 to 269,363.

Yet yesterday the presumed servant of these people—their will, as it were—announced, in essence, that they could, as far as he is concerned, all go to hell—all, that is, but 269,363 of them! It makes one wonder.—Boston Herald Reprint

Taxes, Deadly Rain

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The question of who this is to really help arises. The statement that it is to help the homeowner brings out the fact that most of us own homes. Thus we would pay more state tax so that we could pay less real estate tax to the town. Where would be gain? Home rule is curtailed and a distant state government is to supply our needs according to their formula. This tax could cost us more than we receive from it. The thought was that we could do better paying our own bills.

The final items presented by Senator Hammond was the immorality of a bill that is winding its way thru the State House, namely the bill that requires industry to finance strikes against itself.

We need more jobs in Massachusetts. This being no secret, what appeal is there to an industry or business firm when urged to do business here, then told that it must finance strikes against itself. It is well known that many strikes are dubious in nature and are ill advised. The difficulty in settling the newspaper strike in New York City stemmed from the fact that people earning \$140 a week, and paying taxes on it, were receiving \$120 a week in tax free benefits. This was an enjoyable situation but certainly not a practical one.

Representative Porter's comments and interpretations of the "Conflict of Interest Law," for which former Gov. Volpe worked

so hard to get, noted that it could result in benefit to the townspeople in the form of better government. Basically it prevents elected town officers and certain appointed officers from doing business with the town. Town officers would be held to the prime purpose of their position which is to serve and not be served. Machinery of enforcement and administration is being and has been established and considerable hope is held to curtail the abuses that have been committed in many cases.

Other items of interest were talked over and refreshments enjoyed along with many informal discussions. Future meetings will be publicized and public interest is invited.

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HOME TOWN FLEET NEWS

USS Farragut (FHTNC — Richard A. Knight, radioman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Knight of 45 Alfred St., Agawam, is serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Farragut, which returned to her homeport, Mayport, Fla., March 2, after a seven-month tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

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Conservation Poster Winners



The Agawam Junior Women's Club announces the winners of its annual Conservation Poster Contest held recently in all elementary schools, grades three through six, in Agawam. Judging took place in March at the Robinson Park School. The following students assisted in arranging the display of posters and acted as hostesses for the panel of judges:

Kathleen Daly, Marcia Kida, Nancy Osolinski, Susan Johnson, Kristine Raschi.

Serving as judges this year were Miss Carol Knight, a teacher in the local school system, Miss Geraldine Schilling, art teacher at the High School, and Mrs. Irving Dean.

Winners, pictured left to right, are Marcia Kida, 2nd place; Janice Mierzejewski, 1st place; and

Catherine Mahoney, 3rd place. All are students at Robinson Park School. Honorable Mention went to Barbara George of Robinson Park School and Adam Tomaszewski of South Street School.

Mrs. Robert Hall, chairman of the local event, and State Chairman of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, announces that the winning posters will be entered in the state contest, judging of which will take place in April.

LUCKY CATCH

While fishing in Lake Austin, Texas, last summer, a Texas angler dove to retrieve a bright object some six feet below the surface. It turned out to be the same aluminum cigarette lighter he had lost at the same spot two years ago. After he dried the lighter, it worked as good as new. (Alcoa)

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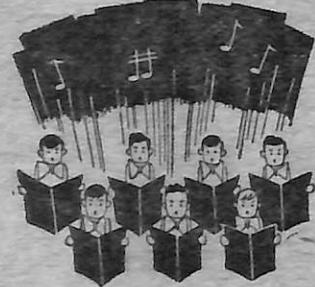
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Westfield Savings Bank Reports Gains

Westfield — Savings deposits on March 31 had exceeded the milestone figure of \$34 million, President Arthur W. Knapp told the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees of Westfield Savings Bank at Storrowton Tavern Monday night. Henry F. Burrows, chairman of the board, presided.

The deposit total on March 31, Mr. Knapp told the meeting, was \$34,010,670, an increase reflecting the savings gain of \$700,073 for the three months ended March 31 and the gain of \$1,333,094 for the six-month period ending on the 31st.

The continuing growth of Westfield Savings Bank is further indicated, Mr. Knapp said, by the March 31 assets total of \$38,789,237. The increase in assets for the previous three months was \$584,343 and assets growth in the six months ended March 31 was \$910,084.

Mortgage activity remained strong, Mr. Knapp said, with mortgages now totaling \$26,607,599. The three-month gain was \$403,391, while for the six months ended March 31 it was \$1,265,832.

"We are continuing to show consistently healthy gains in all of our service categories, both in

the main office in Westfield and at the West Springfield Branch," Mr. Knapp told the trustees. "Deposits, assets and real estate loans are all at record highs."

"We anticipate that 1963 will be another year of progress for the Westfield Savings Bank."

Christmas Seal Campaign Report

A total of \$86,680.93 was contributed by Hampden County residents to the annual Christmas Seal Campaign which officially closed March 31st, the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association announced today. This is an increase of \$1683.45, or two per cent, more than was contributed a year ago, when the total was \$84,997.48.

Christmas Seal contributions are the only source of support of year-round programs of the Association for the prevention and control of tuberculosis and allied respiratory diseases. These programs include case detection through chest X-rays and tuberculin testing, health education, rehabilitation services and contributions to research and medical education.

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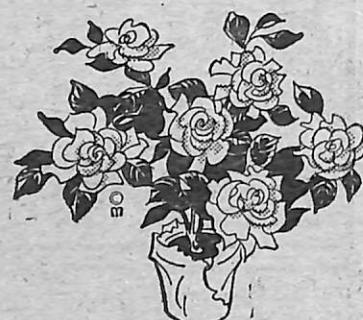
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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

By Bill Chiba

The Agawam Sportsmen Club celebrated its 44th annual banquet April 2nd. As usual the meal was superb for Al Cavicchi was the chef, and working with him were Richard Schuhlen, Oscar Menard, Louis Becker, Joe Fletcher, Herb Nelson, John Marco, Jack Cirillo, and "old reliable" Henry Ott. 350 men and youngsters were in attendance. Al and his crew of beautiful waitresses made sure none left hungry.

Fred Emerson was the MC and did a commendable job with a poor PA system. The head table

Past Presidents Honored

The distinguished group shown in the picture above were honored by the Agawam Sportsmen Club at its 44th annual banquet. The gentlemen served as presidents of the club in the past. From left to right are Carl Roberts, Ken Steup, James Devine, and Bob Allen.

Guests were Ray Charest, Frank Chriscola, Jr., Agawam Selectmen; Harry Schnieder, Fire Chief; Ken Grady, Police Chief;

Rollie Jacobs, TV sports announcer; Bill Maitland, conservation officer; Roland Reed, president of the club; James Devine, past president; Ken Steup, past president; Carl Roberts, past president; and Bob Allan, past president.

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A law passed by the New Hampshire Legislature will permit a resident of Maine, Massachusetts, or Vermont to operate his power boat on bodies of water which are PARTIALLY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND HIS OWN STATE, without registering his motor under New Hampshire law, provided the body of water is not under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard (Umbagog Lake).

The motor must be duly registered in the nonresident's own

state. This law becomes effective May 5, 1963, and is applicable only if the other state grants similar reciprocity.

Thousands of U.S. Carbines, Caliber 30 M1 have been purchased by civilian shooters since World War II ended. The sporting public demanded a sporting load for the rifle. Winchester-Western — a division of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation heeded the appeal of the shooters and have come up with a hunting bullet for the old 30 M1 cartridge case. The ammunition will be in sporting goods stores by the end of April.

A good many men who lugged a carbine loaded with military ball ammunition during the war will be carrying a similar gun with Winchester's new sporting bullet under happier circumstances next fall.

Conservation Camp Full

Francis W. Sargent, director of Fisheries and Game, has announced that the Mass. Junior Conservation Camp is full. A total of 146 boys, mostly sponsored by sportsmen's organizations, town conservation commissions, garden clubs and similar groups, has been signed up for this summer's session, which gets underway at the Worcester County 4-H Center in Spencer on June 30.

Sargent said that this rapidly increasing interest in the conservation camp indicates that some means must be found in the future to make the program available to more boys.

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At a Court of Honor held at St. David's Church Hall recently, the following awards were presented:

Life Scouts: Warren Roberts, Jr., Kenneth Blair, James McQuade; Star Scouts: Robert Guy, John Astifan, Richard Dynia, Richard Abbey, Gary Roberts, Mark Ratcliffe; First Class: John Picchi, David Picchi, Richard Munsell, Richard Willette, Lawrence Fay, William McGrath; Second Class: Bruce Nunn; Tenderfoot: David Suffriti.

Rev. Tyler of St. David's church gave a short talk on character and its relationship to sterling silver.

A course in First Aid was given by Mr. Fred Affleck and the fol-

**Cynthia Brown on 'Y'
Day Camp Staff**

Zaven K. Vorperian, director of the Agawam Community YMCA Day Camp, announced the appointment of Miss Cynthia Brown to the 1963 Day Camp Staff. Miss Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown, Jr., of 244 South West St. is a Senior at Agawam High School and has been a staff member of the "Y" Day Camp for four summers. Miss Brown, who is well known in the baton twirling circles is a member of the High School Band, and represented the local "Y" at the World's Youth Conference in Amsterdam in 1960.

Miss Brown has been the Arts and Crafts Director at the "Y" Day Camp and will serve in that capacity for the 1963 season. She will assume group leadership for the Junior section of camp.

The Arts and Crafts Program at the "Y" Day Camp has been one of the popular morning class activities. Projects in the Arts and Crafts Department have been of the type which stresses creativity and ingenuity, using scrap material rather than ready made projects. This type of a crafts program is much more difficult to teach but is much more satisfying to the youngsters enrolled, and now that the crafts shop is located on the grounds, many tin cans, feathers, scrap leather, buttons and other odds and ends are being saved for future projects.

Fishwick Made Supply Sergeant

One of the first individuals an Agawam Guardsman gets to know is the Supply Sergeant, George H. Fishwick. Affectionately known as "Fish" by his many friends and associates, his continual wit and humor are the cause of much laughter.

Originally a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was quite a basketball star in high school, he found himself amongst those invading Europe during the Second World War as a Artillery gunner with the 29th Infantry Division. After reenlisting in Europe for a second hitch he finally was discharged in 1948 at Westover Field.

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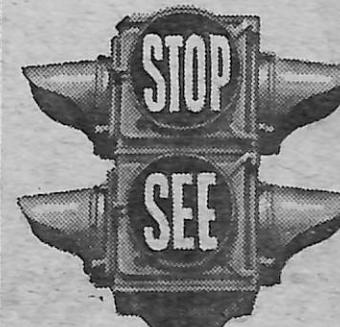
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TEEN'S SQUARE CORNER

By NIKKI BERNIER

Hi, you all! The snow has long since melted and the ground is beginning to thaw. Confronted with such an advantageous situation, there is a very strong possibility that teens (such as myself) who have been hibernating this past winter will once again become active (babysitting, mowing the lawn, and washing the family car). Ugh! There is one

consolation to those teens who square dance, however, the Annual Teen Square Dance Jamboree to be held this summer at Stanley Park in Westfield, Mass., promises to be one of the most exciting events on the teen calendar. Watch for more complete information next week.

Speaking of square dancing, teens in the East Longmeadow area will be whooping it up at the Footstomper's Knothead Trip, April 21 in So. Attleboro, Mass., with Bob Young as caller. Red's Rascals of Granby square up Friday, the 26th, at the Hampden Elementary School, hosting caller Red McCain. Another important event, held on the same evening, a Sadie Hawkins Dance, the first of its kind in the area, given by the "Swinging Teens" of So. Hadley, and caller Jerry Benoit, will be held at St. Patrick's Meeting Room in So. Hadley.

On April 4, The Cherokee Squares held their regular club dance, (or so caller Ralph Clark surmised). In actuality, these lively pre-teens threw a knockout surprise birthday party for their truly surprised caller, complete with cake, door prizes and

a personal gift for the man of the hour. Remember, Ralph, "Life begins at Forty" (I've been saying that ever since I turned 16). The next big dance for The Cherokees will take place April 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Hall on Boston Rd. in Springfield.

A special vote of thanks goes to Phil Brideau for "Bravery Beyond the Call of Duty" for feeding a crowd of hungry teenagers at Edsarda, March 31. I'm sure all the teens who were there will join the Phil Brideau Fan Club as soon as they can obtain membership (this is a non-profit, unselfish organization, by the way).

St. John's To Present

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accompany. Both are well known in the field of music and show performances.

The choreography for the opening and closing numbers will be from Lynn's Dancing School of Agawam. The scenery is being handled by Mrs. Marion Leger, chairman, with Mrs. Lou Donovan, co-chairman, Mrs. Laura Wilson and Mrs. Betty Fischer, committee members, and will present a springtime background with many interchangeable scenes to correspond with the acts presented.

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Dance Club in Southwick that came to the Promenaders Dance last Friday called by Dana Blood at the Robinson Park School. They had all the qualifications to claim one of the Agawam Clubs Banners and had a whale of a time along with the Promenaders doing just that—We enjoyed hosting them and we all hope they will make a return visit real soon.

No Dance

The Promenaders will not hold their regularly scheduled dance this Friday, April 12th—and wish everyone A HAPPY EASTER.

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchespaugh

The deadline for the 1963 "Golden Mike" ballot is May 1. Members are asked to fill out their ballots and mail to the Unit Chairman Mrs. Donald Catchespaugh, bring them to the Unit meeting, or send the ballots to Department Radio-T.V. Chairman, Mrs. Geraldine Robichaud, 677 Joyce Ave., Whitman, Mass. A copy of the ballot is printed below.

1963 "Golden Mike" Ballot

1. Best Americanism Series: (Historical or Patriotic)
2. Best Adventure Series: (Action, Mystery, Detective, Western)
3. Best Comedy Series: (Comedy)
4. Best Musical Series: (Musical)
5. Most Appealing Commercial: (Commercial)

Department of Massachusetts Unit No. 185

Juniors Meeting

A Juniors' meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 in the Legion Home. Projects will be completed and plans made to attend the Junior Conference at the City Hall, Chicopee on April 21st.

Oriental Night

Limited reservations are now being taken for the Legion and Auxiliary's joint Oriental Night to be held at the Legion Home on April 20th. Joint Chairmen are Mr. Armond Lanzillo and Mrs. Jane Whalen. Oriental food will be served and a musical presented.

News of Members

The Unit extends its sympathy to Mrs. Irene Peters on the recent death of her husband.

My Beat — A.H.S.

by Marsha Della-Giustina

The Class of '66 would like to thank their class party committee for the excellent work they put into the wonderful party. The committee, which worked under Mrs. Rosemary Stratton, AHS teacher, are as follows: Gerry Cleary, Randy McLean, Jack Quinn, Donna Woodnorth, Judy Stetson, Lynn Finch, Dave Giaguere, Karen Deizell, Bob Leger, Susan Homer, Barry Soden, Jean Parrow, Franny Arnold, Nancy Rock, Gary Dube, Kathie Leamy, Steve Cincotta, Janice Melbourne, Tony Grimaldi, Susan Chandler, Linda Baumann, and Joey Pepe.

Latin Club Trip

Agawam High's Latin Club is planning a trip to Boston on May 4. About 15 Latin scholars will enjoy a few of "The Hub's" historical sites under the supervision of Mrs. Katherine Kalloch, the club's advisor. Beginning the day with a tour of a famous Roman museum, the students are planning to visit Harvard. They will end their busy day by viewing an excellent film at the reknown Cinerama.

FTA Tea Is Successful
A Student - Teacher tea was held on Thursday, March 28 at the AHS cafeteria. The Future Teachers Club sponsored the tea. In the receiving line was Carol Silverstrini, Cynthia Stakum, Mary Wilson, Joan Magistri, and Miss Emily McCormick, the club's advisor. Louise Valiant, the program chairman, and Marsha DellaGiustina, Refreshment chairman, poured at the affair. Refreshments were donated by Elaine Borgatti, Susan Bates, Christine Jeserski, Kathy Yelnek, Pam Saitto, and Joyce Sarat.

Archery Club

Among Agawam High's many clubs is the Archery Club. The main event for the active club is a trip to Quabog, Mass., where they will develop their archery skills. Mr. Harold Clark, AHS science teacher, is the advisor to the club while the officers are as follows: President; John Litchfield, Vice-President; Becky McCave, Secretary; Lisa Zerra and Treasurer; Mike Hopkins.

Coming events: The Drama

VFW "Poppy Queen" Contest Requirement

Agawam VFW Post 1632: It has been brought to the attention of the local VFW that servicemen residing in Agawam and Feeding Hills, are not certain if their service affiliation qualifies their daughters to participate in the VFW "Buddy Poppy Queen Contest". To answer the question:

No person shall be eligible to be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States unless he has served honorably as an enlisted man or officer in the Armed Forces of the United States of America in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition for which service a campaign medal shall be authorized by the Government of the United States of America.

Your daughter is eligible if you qualify as follows:

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- 2—Army of Occupation Medal WWI;
- 3—American Defense Service Medal;
- 4—European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal;
- 5—Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal;
- 6—American Theatre Medal;
- 7—Army of Occupation Medal, WWII;
- 8—China Service Medal;
- 9—Navy Occupation Service Medal;
- 10—Korean Service Medal;
- 11—U.S. Military Operations.

For specific eligible dates on medal awards contact Brady Snyder at RE 9-6230.

Club's trip to New York will be on May 11 . . . IRC's trip to New York will be next Tuesday. Have fun!! . . . The Math Club is also going to visit the Great City next week!! . . . Soph Class dues must be paid in order to attend the class party which will be held April 26 . . . The Variety Show is coming along fine . . . Plans are being made for the Junior-Senior Class Prom which will be held on May 24 . . . I hope you all enjoy your vacation!!

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With spring in the air and new life bursting above the ground around us, romance is blossoming in the local skating rink. Pattie Bader seems to have found the key to the rink professional, Peter Gullo's locked heart. With the month of June brides coming up—well, who knows??!! Along the same line, Pinkie Packard and Suzanne Line seem to have smoothed things out, and are back to going steady after a pretty stormy winter. Yes, sir, good ol' romantic spring is here again!

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Don't forget the HOME MADE CAKE and FOOD SALE at the Riverside Rollaway Easter Saturday. Food will be on sale from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 'till we run out of food. We are glad to hear that Lucky Barille has offered his special talents for this food sale. Anyone donating a pie may buy this pie back, and for an additional 50c has the pleasure of throwing their pie in Lucky's face. He will be at the rink all day Saturday with a bib on—JUST WAITING!

Choirs To Present
An Easter Cantata

The Junior and Senior Choirs of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will present an Easter Cantata, "The Garden of Easter" by Rosemary Hadler, under the direction of Mrs. David Meyer and Mrs. Frederick Nardi on Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The reader will be Miss Susan Bates and the scenery is by Mrs. Andrew Raguska.

There are ten selections and

solo parts taken by choir members. The following Senior choir members are: Caroline Almquist, Sharon Almquist, Enid Morris, Mrs. William Spear, Mrs. Laurence King, Mrs. Stanley Fuller, Mrs. Frank Allen, Jr., Mrs. Douglas White, Mrs. Robert Rawson, Mrs. Ellsworth Bostwick, Mrs. Kenneth Burton, Mrs. David Meyer, Mrs. David T. Cesan, Laurence King, Dick Breuninger, Dean Nardi and Robert Rawson.

Members of the Junior choir are: Carol Goodwin, Marilyn McCobb, Donna Cesan, Barbara Clark, Susan Hamar, Carin Ekstedt, Darcy Hamar, Charlene Rawson, Linda Lee Allen, Ann Burgamaster, Susan Brown, Joyce Goodwin, Kathy White, Gail Bava, Ruth Greene, Joanne Clark, Barbara White, Alison Fuller, Linda Baumann, Kenny Goodwin, Douglas White, Marc Fuller and Daun Nardi.

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